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The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m.

Adoption of the annual report of the Committee on its activities

1. **The Chairperson** invited the Rapporteur to present the Committee's draft annual report on its fifty-third and fifty-fourth sessions (CAT/C/54/R.3), which had been distributed to the members in English and French.

2. **Mr. Domah** (Rapporteur) drew attention to the annual report of the Committee to the General Assembly. With the permission of the Committee, the report would be updated with the required statistics.

3. **The Chairperson** said the report referred to the adoption of eight sets of concluding observations at the fifty-fourth session on Colombia, Congo, Luxembourg, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Spain and New Zealand. The Committee had adopted lists of issues on China, China (Hong Kong) and China (Macau) and lists of issues prior to reporting on Bahrain, Belgium, Cameroon, Estonia, Guatemala, Japan and Yemen. The Committee had adopted decisions on individual complaints submitted under article 22 of the Convention and it had held the annual meeting with States parties as well as a meeting with NGOs.

4. The Committee expressed great appreciation for the work of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture; two of its members, Mr. Bruni and Mr. Modvig, would continue to participate in the meetings of the Fund. A meeting had also been held with the United Nations Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide and an annual report had been received from the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

5. Noting the work that would continue following the adoption of general comment No. 3, he said that in his view it was important for the Committee to examine ways in which it could enrich its knowledge through interaction with States parties and civil society on essential issues such as rehabilitation. The Committee would prepare comments for presentation to the twenty-seventh meeting of Chairpersons of human rights treaty bodies in San José, Costa Rica, in June 2015.

6. He expressed appreciation for the very valuable contribution of States parties and NGOs and thanked his fellow Committee members for the high level of expertise they had brought to the session.

7. *The draft annual report of the Committee (CAT/C/54/R.3), as a whole, was adopted subject to the necessary updates and modifications.*

Organizational and other matters (*continued*)

8. **The Chairperson** said the rapporteurs designated for the countries whose reports would be examined by the Committee at its fifty-fifth session (27 July–14 August 2015) were: Iraq, Mr. Bruni and Ms. Belmir; Slovakia, Mr. Modvig and Mr. Tugushi; Switzerland, Mr. Gaye and Ms. Pradhan-Malla. The country rapporteurs for the fifty-sixth session (9 November–9 December 2015) were: Austria, Mr. Grossman and Mr. Gaye; Azerbaijan, Mr. Zhang and Mr. Tugushi; China, China (Hong Kong) and China (Macau), Mr. Tugushi and Mr. Modvig; Denmark, Mr. Bruni and Ms. Pradhan-Malla; Jordan, Ms. Gaer and Ms. Belmir; and Liechtenstein, Mr. Domah and Mr. Bruni. The rapporteurs for the lists of issues prior to reporting were: Kenya, Ms. Gaer and Mr. Domah; Kyrgystan, Mr. Modvig and Mr. Tugushi; Latvia, Mr. Tugushi and Mr. Domah; Netherlands, Ms. Pradhan-Malla and Mr. Domah; Poland, Mr. Grossman and Mr. Zhang; and Portugal, Mr. Bruni and Mr. Zhang. Ghana would be considered under the simplified reporting procedure and the rapporteurs would be Mr. Grossman and Mr. Gaye. Rapporteurs for countries that would be considered

in 2016 were: France, Mr. Gaye and Mr. Bruni; Mongolia, Mr. Modvig and Mr. Tugushi; Tunisia, Ms. Belmir and Mr. Gaye; and Saudi Arabia, Ms. Gaer and Ms. Pradhan-Malla.

The public part of the meeting rose at 10.15 a.m.